

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. REID).

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1339. An act to designate the City of Salem, Massachusetts, as the Birthplace of the National Guard of the United States; to the Committee on Armed Services.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 5. An act to improve patient access to health care services and provide improved medical care by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the health care delivery system.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-5516. A communication from the Secretary of the Commission, Division of Swap Dealer and Intermediary Oversight, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Commodity Pool Operators and Commodity Trading Advisors: Compliance Obligations" (RIN3038-AD30) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5517. A communication from the Acting Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tuberculosis in Cattle and Bison: State and Zone Designations; New Mexico; Correction" (Docket No. APHIS-2008-0124) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5518. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bacillus pumilus strain GHA 180; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9343-1) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 23, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5519. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Cooperative Threat Reduction Programs (DCN OSS-2012-0407); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5520. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Defense's fiscal year 2010-2018 Strategic Workforce plan; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5521. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual Developing Countries Combined Exercise Program Report of Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2011; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5522. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Secretary's personnel management demonstration project author- ities for Department of Defense Science and Technology Reinvention Laboratories; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5523. A communication from the Principal Military Deputy, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Research, Development and Acquisition), transmitting, pursuant to law, a notification of plans to donate the destroyer ex-EDSON (DD 946) to the Saginaw Valley Naval Ship Museum for permanent berthing and public display in Bay City, Michigan, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2012; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5524. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13224 of September 23, 2001, with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5525. A communication from the Chief of the Recovery and Delisting Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Establishing a Manatee Refuge in Kings Bay, Citrus County, FL" (RIN1018-AX27) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 23, 2012; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5526. A communication from the Deputy Chief of the National Forest System, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the detailed boundary for the Allegheny Wild and Scenic River in Pennsylvania, added to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5527. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maine; Regional Haze" (FRL No. 9652-1) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 23, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5528. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Quality Assurance Requirements for Continuous Opacity Monitoring Systems at Stationary Sources" (FRL No. 9653-3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 23, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5529. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: Amendment to HFO-1234yf SNAP Rule for Motor Vehicle Air Conditioning Sector" (FRL No. 9651-3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 23, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5530. A communication from the Acting Chief of the Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Listing and Designation of Critical Habitat for the Chiricahua Leop- ard Frog" (RIN1018-AX12) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 23, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5531. A communication from the Chief of the Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Revised Endangered Status, Revised Critical Habitat Designation, and Taxonomic Revision for *Monardella linoides* ssp. *viminea*" (RIN1018-AX18) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 23, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5532. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Terrestrial Environmental Studies for Nuclear Power Stations" (Regulatory Guide 4.11, Revision 2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5533. A communication from the Chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, a legislative proposal relative to amending the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 and the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5534. A communication from the Acting Director of Human Resources, Office of Human Resources, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Administrator for Toxic Substances, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 27, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5535. A communication from the Acting Director of Human Resources, Office of Human Resources, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Administrator for Toxic Substances, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 27, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5536. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interest on Untimely Paid Vessel Repair Duties" (RIN1515-AD74) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 23, 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5537. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to the Congress on the Implementation of the Medicare Self-Referral Disclosure Protocol"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5538. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Plan to Implement a Home Health Agency Value-Based Purchasing Program"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5539. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the establishment of a Danger Pay Allowance for Nigeria; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5540. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, certification for the export of defense